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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 1295

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, CSCE, SHUM, RO
SUBJECT: BAPTIST DISSIDENT SIGNS GOMA MANIFESTO

REF: BUCHAREST 1066 AND 1187; EMBASSY MEMCON OF DEC 21, 1976

1. BAPTIST DISSIDENT PREACHER PAVEL NICOLESCU TOLD EMBOFF
FEBRUARY 28 THAT HE HAD VISITED DISSIDENT ROMANIAN AUTHOR
PAUL GOMA FEBRUARY 27 AND HAD BECOME LATEST SIGNATORY ON
GOMA'S MANIFESTO. UPON DEPARTING NICOLESCU GOT INTO SCUFFLE
WITH MILITIA CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE. APPARENTLY A REPORT
MAY HAVE GOT OUT TO BELGRADE THAT NICOLESCU WAS ARRESTED
LEAVING GOMA'S APARTMENT. THIS IS NOT TRUE AND SHOULD BE
CORRECTED IF IT APPEARS IN ANY PRESS STORY.

2. COMMENT: LINKAGE OF BAPTIST DISSIDENTS WHO ARE
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PERHAPS BEST ORGANIZED OPEN PROTEST MOVEMENT
IN COUNTRY, WITH GOMA'S GROUP IS SIGNIFICANT IF FUTURE
COOPERATION SHOULD DEVELOP BETWEEN THEM. THIS IS NOT
YET CERTAIN GIVEN GOMA'S CURRENT ISOLATION AND FACT
THIS IS INITIAL CONTACT. BAPTISTS HAVE, HOWEVER,
PREPARED A 17-PAGE MANIFESTO OF THEIR OWN ENTITLED
"THE NEO-PROTESTANT CULTS AND THE RIGHTS OF MAN IN

ROMANIA" WHICH MINUTELY DETAILS ROMANIAN DISCRIMINATION
IN FIELD OF RELIGION. (ROMANIAN TEXT BEING POUCHED
SEPARATELY TO EUR/EE.) DOCUMENT WAS ALSO GIVEN TO
NY TIMES REPORTER MALCOLM BROWNE DURING HIS RECENT
VISIT HERE.
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